



The Perry Park

Sentinel

AUGUST 2017

SO NOW IT'S AUGUST...



The summer seems to be moving very quickly—or perhaps it's just my age. Just last week it was April. How did it get to be August?

School starts on August 10—are you ready for that? Believe it or not, there are some parts of the country where school still starts after Labor Day. Of course, they don't get out until mid-June. That was the schedule most of us “of a certain age” grew up on—which made NO sense at all in Houston, Texas, in the days before schools were air-conditioned. Can you imagine going to school without air or fans in 95 degrees, 90 percent humidity? Possible any day after April in Houston...for 12 long years... It's a wonder we lived to adulthood.

The Perry Park Metro District finally got to present its 2017 Firewise program on July 20. That's the program that was snowed out in April and May. Remember snow? How quickly we forget!

And speaking of fire awareness, where else do people announce on Facebook that they're barbecuing ribs at such and such a location so neighbors won't call the fire department in panic?

Weatherwise, the summer hasn't been bad. We've even had a little rain. We've been under Stage I fire restrictions for most of the summer—but have gotten enough moisture that they were removed the end of July. We may see them again, of course. Fall can be a long, dry season. Yet, there are always August days when there's a slight nip, a hint that the summer is ending and seasons changing. The promise of September...the promise of fall.



THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO in Castle Rock is a family tradition featuring two entertainment stages, three PRCA Rodeos, Xtreme Bulls, Carnival, Mutton Bustin', Stick Horse Rodeo, Pancake

Breakfast, 4-H and FFA exhibits - including livestock, general projects and the Jr. Livestock Sale. The Carnival and ticketed events begin on Thursday, August 3, but you can view exhibits for several days prior to that. The fair will end on the evening of Sunday, August 6. A full schedule of events is available at <http://www.douglascountyfairandrodeo.com/schedule/>

LARKSPUR CONCERT IN THE PARK: Thursday, August 3, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Larkspur Community Park, 8820 Spruce Mountain Road. This event will feature Kantakerous.

CHAUTAUQUA RETURNS TO PALMER LAKE, Saturday, August 12. A full day of vintage arts, crafts, portrayals of historic men and women, wildlife displays, activities for children, walking tours of Palmer Lake and The Glen, and bluegrass music is planned. The Friends of the Tri-Lakes Library will also hold their annual ice cream social during the afternoon.

BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, August 15, 10 a. m., at the home of Mary Ann Fronken, 8174 Inca Road, in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is Kathleen Grissom's novel, *Glory Over Everything: Beyond the Kitchen* (BCE). The latest New York Times bestseller from the author of *The Kitchen House*, *Glory* is the story of a man's treacherous journey through the twists and turns of the Underground Railroad on a mission to save the boy he swore to protect. The book for September is *The Shoemaker's Wife* (BCE) by Adriana Trigiani. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For additional information, visit the club's website, http://www.applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.html.

THE 15TH ANNUAL TASTE OF DOUGLAS COUNTY will be held Thursday, August 17, 5-8 p.m. at the Douglas County Events Center on the grounds of the Douglas County Fair in Castle Rock. "The Taste" will once again offer food samplings from some of the area's finest food service establishments. Join the Old Stone Church, John Holly's Asian Bistro, Pegasus Restaurant, Chick-Fil-A, India's Castle, Fowl Line Sports Grill, Viewhouse Restaurant, Kneaders Bakery & Cafe, Crave Real Burgers, and other area favorites. Back again this year: top area chefs compete in a cooking competition. New this year: A chef will put on a cooking demonstration, offer samples, and the Castle Rock Brewing Company will put on a craft beer seminar and tasting.

STARLIGHT SUMMER MOVIE - *Rogue One, A Star Wars Story*, Friday, August 25, 6-10 p.m, downtown Castle Rock. Free. PG13.

LARKSPUR BOOK EXCHANGE in Larkspur's Town Annex, 9524 Spruce Mountain Road. Open every Saturday (except

holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2.p.m. and **every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** The Book Exchange is free and provided by the town of Larkspur. You don't have to bring a book to take one (or two or three) from the Exchange. To date, the Exchange has over 5000 volumes of adult fiction and non-fiction, over 300 volumes for children and young readers, and over 250 cook-books. In addition, there is an interesting selection of vintage and rare books for sale. All proceeds to go to the Book Exchange. For more information contact Cindy at 303-681-3046.

LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY



First Day of School- August 10th
***Ice Cream Social- August 9th 2:30-4 p.m.**
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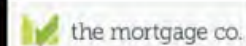
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A FAMILY WITH DEEP ROOTS IN PERRY PARK NEEDS YOUR HELP! Mike Junge...



Piper Waneka, a beautiful and precocious 3 1/2 year old, lives in Castle Rock. Her father, Nelson, grew up in the Park, and her great-grandmother Virginia Tolley is a long-time park resident. Her maternal grandparents (her mother Carrina's parents), Mike

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and Alicia Junge, also live here.

Piper has been diagnosed with a particularly virile and deadly form of childhood cancer called Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a rare and aggressive brain-stem tumor that is inoperable. The prognosis is extremely poor, with the average patient survival measured in months. Piper began radiation treatments in late June, a grueling six-week regimen designed to shrink the tumor and improve the quality of life. It is not a cure, but hopefully will allow her a few mostly symptom-free months.

We are in the market for a miracle! Please send as many prayers as you can...and forward to as many prayer groups as you can. Piper has a younger sister (16 month old Harlow) and four cousins who all live in Castle Rock. Pray that they can grow up with this angel in their midst.

Piper's Aunt Malissa set up this site for those inclined to send a donation along with their prayers to this devastated family

<https://www.gofundme.com/warriors-for-princess-piper>

DIPG is rare (approximately 300 cases per year in the US). It is fortunate that this devastating childhood cancer only impacts a small number of families, but the downside to being rare is that it attracts little financial and human resource support. Sadly, there has been no discernable advancement in fighting DIPG in recent decades. There are several ways to give much needed financial support to this cause, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: www.stjude.org/Donate. The American Cancer Society and Cancer Treatments Centers of America also accept gifts specific to DIPG research and treatments.

A BUSY AUGUST FOR LARKSPUR MOMS' GROUP

Sarah Bretz, Director of Larkspur Mothers' Group

I hope everyone has had a relaxing and fun-filled summer! I am excited to announce two Larkspur Mothers' Group (LMG) kick off events in August!



We have had so many new families move to our area over the past year, and if you are one of them and interested in joining the Larkspur Mothers' Group, these events are for you! We encourage current members to come as well. The Larkspur Mothers' Group is open to all moms in the Larkspur area, and we are always looking for new moms and kiddos to join our group! We schedule monthly play groups and moms' nights out and host a couple of large community events, including the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, throughout the year. For more information or to request membership on our Facebook page, please visit us at www.larkspur moms.com or email us at larkspur moms@gmail.com.

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Here we go!

Join us for our final **Spray Dayz** of the summer on **Tuesday, August 1st from 2-4 p.m. at the Larkspur Park**. The Larkspur Fire Department will arrive around 3 p.m. to cool us off and spray down our kiddos with the fire hose. This event is open to everyone and all ages are welcome! Popsicles will be provided courtesy of the Larkspur Mother's Group. In the event of a LFD call or inclement weather, this event will be canceled.

Friday, August 11th: 9:30-Noon: Join us for our first play group of the school year! This kick-off event will be held at the Miller Activity Complex (MAC) in Castle Rock. Meet at the splash pad for some water fun and ice cream, courtesy of the Larkspur Mothers' Group. Also feel free to pack a picnic lunch if you plan to stay until noon. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Larkspur Mothers' group and meet other Larkspur moms and kids. If you have been thinking of joining the LMG don't miss this fun play group event!

Thursday, August 17th: 6-9 p.m.: Moms' Night Out! Join us for an outdoor deck party to kick off the start to another great year with the LMG. Adult beverages and Chicago dogs will be provided courtesy of the Larkspur Mothers' Group. If you would like to bring an appetizer to share, please feel free to do so. Moms new to the Larkspur area and current members

welcome! Welcome baskets will be handed out, courtesy of the LMG, to anyone new to the area. Come and see what the LMG is all about and meet some amazing Larkspur Moms! For more details and to RSVP, please see our Facebook page.

Hope to see you this month!

**LARKSPUR CUB SCOUT PACK 631
News, Updates and Events for August
Jennifer Martin, Committee Chairperson...**

Larkspur Cub Scout Pack 631 is hosting a **Join Night on Monday, August 21st, at 6 p.m.** in the Larkspur Elementary School gym. Light snacks and water will be provided. Interested parents and potential scouts who are in 1st grade through 5th grade can attend to learn more about scouting and Cub Scout Pack 631. Please come and see what we're all about!



In case you missed the previous articles, here is some information about our pack. Once a month, all of the dens and family members gather for a pack meeting under the direction of

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our Cub Master. In addition, our cub scouts and their families participate in different activities including den meetings, pack hikes, the Rain Gutter Regatta, the Pinewood Derby, the Blue and Gold Banquet, community service projects, day camp and the annual pack picnic and crossover ceremony. Our pack holds one fundraiser each year to raise money to help cover pack expenses. Our Cub Scouts sell holiday wreaths, sprays, garlands and living trees starting in September with delivery expected before Thanksgiving.

We always welcome and appreciate all donations, including volunteers and parents donating their time and talents to our young Cub Scouts.

If you would like more information about Pack 631 or to make a donation, please contact our Cub Master, Bob Long at 303-356-4193 / stratarob@gmail.com or our Committee Chairperson, Jennifer Martin at 303-929-4930 / Jennifer.ross.martin@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting our local Cub Scout Pack 631.

We look forward to seeing you at Join Night!

LOCAL WRITER PENS CHILDREN'S SCIENCE FICTION



Daniel Coldstar: The Lost Relic by Stel Pavlou will be released November 7. Designed for ages 8-12 and grades 3-7, *Daniel Coldstar* is Stel's first children's book.

Here's Amazon.com's pitch: *An epic and funny outer space adventure from acclaimed science fiction author and screenwriter Stel Pavlou!*

Below the surface on a forgotten planet, Daniel Coldstar searches for relics from a lost civilization. Daniel has no memory of his past. All he knows is to do his job and fear the masters of the mines.

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What follows is an epic outer space adventure filled with Truth Seekers, anatomists, Leechers, and the evil Sinja who seek to control the universe.

It sounds so good I've already pre-ordered it from Amazon for my nine-year grandson who loves science fiction as much his daddy does.



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Stel Pavlou is a British international bestselling author of adult fiction. Stel has written screenplays for Morgan Freeman and Samuel L. Jackson, and stories for *Doctor Who*. He lives near Larkspur with his family, a dog named Rocket, and two chickens. ~KDale

THE SAGA OF CARUSO



Meet Caruso, a year-old Golden Retriever who recently had major adventures we'll never know about. The night of July 4th, the Boekes family came to the fireworks celebration in Perry Park with their dogs on leashes, just another part of the family.

But fireworks are anathema to many dogs—and a terrified Caruso broke free and took off west down South Pike Drive. I once had a dog who took off the same direction the night of July 4th—but he got himself home the next day at dawn—just as I was about to go on the hunt. However, Caruso was in foreign territory and had no idea where "home" was. The Boekes live

in Perry Park East. Caruso was loose in Perry Park Ranch—and headed toward national forest lands when last seen.

His disappearance was posted on the Neighbor to Neighbor Facebook page—and for the next four days, Caruso was the center of attention. People who'd never met the Boekes, much less Caruso, hiked and called, looking for a lost dog. Because I live in the vicinity where he disappeared—and where I hoped he would return, I checked my own property—a couple of acres of mostly wilderness—daily for a lost dog. All I found that week was a fawn on my front porch.

Like many other neighbors, I found myself compulsively checking the Facebook page. No sightings. Then maybe a sighting. And then perhaps not. Finally, on Saturday morning, July 8, I checked again—FOUND! He was in a yard off Pike Circle, not far from the golf course where he was last with his family. According to Susanne Sanstra, "He was scared at first but came to our dog! He's home, unharmed, dehydrated and hungry but really good for the adventure he has had!"

Steven Rago started the Larkspur Neighbor to Neighbor Facebook group because he had found a dog and was frustrated that there was no way to get the word out except Lost Dog posters in random places. But I'll bet even Steve never envisioned

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anything like the Saga of Caruso—and the hundreds of people who responded to his plight. Within an hour of the posting that he'd been found, over 100 people responded with cheers on the Facebook page. One said it all: "This made my day!" Mine too.

But, listen, Caruso. While this little episode made you the darling of an entire area, let's not try it again. Stay home. Be good. Love your family. Grow old. ~KDale

DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS?

Michael Stone...

Many years ago, it was customary to know your neighbors and to be able to greet them by name. In today's world, it seems to be more difficult to build and maintain neighborhood friendships. In some communities governed by an HOA, there will be a once-per-year party of some sort, and residents have to wear those goofy stick-on name tags. People from the neighborhood ask the same questions every year. "How long have you been here" and "which house are you in" are the two questions most frequently asked. After that, you usually head for the food or for some liquid refreshment. Some people try to be cute or memorable by using made-up names. I've been to parties that were attended by "Tara Dactile", "Jimmy Changa", "L.C DeKowe", and "Bill Yuss."

But you know what? It doesn't have to be that way.

In the Hidden Forest neighborhood, things are a little different. The #1 icebreaker seems to be walking the dog. It's easy to stop and say hello to other dog owners and to chat for a few minutes. Another advantage in this area is to frequent dog parks. The point here is that you can feel comfortable breaking the ice, because you already know you have something in common.

The same feeling applies to people who ride motorcycles. They generally enjoy looking at other bikes, and enjoy stories that are told about riding experiences, places visited, and are genuinely interested in where you are headed. If you have a club affiliation, then they'll want to know about the club. But if you see someone with a "1 %" in red on a diamond shaped patch, they may not want to engage in conversation.

Returning to Hidden Forest, about 10 years ago a resident started a tradition known as "Flamingo Friday." From June through September, residents would sign up to be the hosts of the next party, and the parties were scheduled nearly every Friday. The previous hosts would pass along a set of plastic pink flamingos to the upcoming hosts, and the flamingos stuck into the ground identified where Friday's party would take place. Residents would bring a dish to share and their own libation of choice. That has turned out to be a great way to meet neighbors, and the tradition continues.

Flamingo Friday season kicked off about four weeks ago, and the first party of the season drew about 35 people. There is one constant theme in each of these events. All of them establish some sort of shared experience where you can develop a dialogue with neighbors. There is a lot of value in knowing your neighbors, since we can all watch out for each other. We'll know if there is someone in the neighborhood who doesn't belong. We can band together whenever a neighbor needs help.

I can remember three incidents in this small neighborhood where residents banded together to help. Two of the incidents involved the loss of a loved one, but neighbors provided moral support, visitation and help with providing food at a time when families were grieving and didn't have the time to think about cooking. The other incident involved a serious illness, and neighbors banded together to help with food, medication pickup, visitation, and whatever else they could think of. Two ladies in the neighborhood even arranged to decorate the house at Halloween.

Stories like these are what make this such a magical place. On top of that, we have beautiful scenery, abundant wildlife, and an extremely low crime rate. If you live in Perry Park or Larkspur, then you know. When you can have a whole neighborhood full of friends, it's icing on the cake.

PET TALK WITH PILAR Pilar Starman, DVM...

How to Keep Your Pet Healthy

There are three major areas of care you need to provide to your pets to keep them as healthy and happy for as long as possible. These are Optimal Body Condition and Quality Diet, Appropriate Behavior, and Dental Care. If you succeed in those areas you will keep your furry family member longer.



1) Body condition and diet: A pet in the ideal body condition will live longer and suffer fewer illnesses. Diseases related to excess weight include arthritis, cancer, urinary problems, diabetes, skin disorders, and general malaise. The body condition of your pet is far more important than just the weight. You should be able to easily feel (but not see) your pet's ribs, there should be an abdominal tuck from the side, and an hourglass figure from the top.

A body condition improvement plan will include increased activity and reduced caloric intake. This plan is best determined in collaboration with your veterinarian. Your pet may have medical issues, like arthritis or hypothyroidism, that require pharmaceutical intervention. A prescription diet may also be recommended.

If your pet is at an ideal weight, a nutritional consultation is still

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recommended. There are many diets of varying quality and you want to be comfortable knowing you are choosing the best diet you can for your pet. Some diets have much better advertising than is reflected in their quality. Your veterinarian can best guide you how to critically evaluate quality of diet and choose the right food for your pet. Your pet's diet is the foundation to its health.

2) Appropriate Behavior. If your pet does not behave as you wish neither you nor your pet will be happy. The leading cause of death in pets is due to euthanasia of pets relinquished to shelters. These pets are most often given up due to behavioral problems. Training is best started before your pet even comes home. Every capable human in the home needs to know how to interact with the pet and how to teach the desired behaviors. Working with a pet trainer is invaluable. Your veterinarian can certainly provide you guidance in behavior, but is not a training specialist. Consultation and training by a certified dog trainer and/or a veterinary behaviorist are imperative to prevent and treat unwanted behaviors. Ask your veterinarian for a reference if you have any behavioral concerns.

It is necessary to evaluate your expectations for a pet so you and your pet have the best opportunity for success. You should know what behavioral breed predispositions your pet has before you choose them. Being prepared for their normal behaviors will help you to best direct your pet. Their normal instinctual

behaviors are not going to be able to be trained away. Trying to do so will frustrate you both. Herding dogs like Australian Cattle Dogs will round up people and are going to be more nippy. If you want to be able to go running every day with your dog, do not choose a Great Dane. If you are not active, do not choose a Border Collie. If excess barking is unacceptable to you then a Beagle is a bad choice as your pet.

3) Dental Care. An unhealthy mouth leads to unhealthy organs. Anthropologists credit washing our hands, a good diet, and dental care to the dramatic increase in the longevity of humans. We can provide at least 2 of those to our furry family. Acclimating your pet to daily tooth brushing will decrease bacterial shedding to internal organs and lengthen the time between needed anesthetic dental treatments. Most cats and dogs need their first anesthetic dental treatment by 1-2 years of age, then annually thereafter. This treatment absolutely requires anesthesia to best evaluate and treat dental disease.

Anesthesia-Free dental treatments are often dangerous and do not effectively treat dental disease. Anesthesia is not without risk either. Your veterinarian will minimize this risk as much as possible by performing lab work prior to anesthesia, using good quality anesthetic agents, and closely monitoring your pet while under anesthesia.

Even small pets (rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, etc.) need to have their dental health evaluated. "Pocket pets" have constantly

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growing teeth that may become maloccluded (do not wear down correctly). Horses may develop sharp protrusions on their teeth that lacerate their gums. All of these animals may have dental disease that leads to the inability to eat, pain, infection, and death (they can starve to death!). These pets need routine oral evaluations that may require anesthetic dental care.

Optimal home dental care includes tooth brushing, use of appropriate dental treats, and feeding a dental diet (if appropriate). Real bones, antlers, hooves, and certain dental items are not appropriate as they can damage teeth and cause other health issues. If the chew item is too hard to bend, then it is likely too hard for your pet to chew. Other issues related to inappropriate dental treats include choking, esophageal/gastrointestinal obstruction, perforation, and infection.

Please call Larkspur Pet Hospital at 303-681-3980 if you have any questions about your pet. We are happy to evaluate your pet's body condition, diet, behavior, and dental condition. We will provide you recommendations how to improve or maintain the best health.

WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...



Yes officer, I saw the speed limit, I just didn't see your car.



CASTLE ROCK – Another building (**505 JERRY STREET**) planned for the Central Business District. The two homes located at the corner



will be demolished and replaced with the central business district's next midrise office/apartment building. The seven-story structure will have two levels of parking garage with an additional five levels that will contain 65 one and two bedroom apartments along with individual office suites on the southeast corner of each floor. The garage will park 78 cars and six motorcycles. Downtown living is planned as the core for keeping the heart of the town live and active.



The next phase of **AUBURN RIDGE** affordable senior living is finally underway at the junction of Wolfensberger and Au-



burn Drive. The 4.8-acre parcel was rough graded over a year ago and is now being developed with 96 dwelling units. The site is located on the north

side of the first phase that consists of 90 affordable senior living units built in 2014. It is full with a waiting list. The last phase will be built on the south side of the first phase and will consist of another 100 units in six buildings.

The new 312 unit luxury apartment project at the Promenade, **THE VENUE**, has completed the first of the buildings and has commenced



its leasing program. The high end project has one, two and three bedroom units ranging in size from 696 to 1,427 square feet with rents starting at \$696 topping out at \$2,497 plus parking and pet fees. The 9,908 square foot Resident Retreat and Leasing Center has a 24-hour fitness center which overlooks the expansive pool area and includes a Yoga studio, a virtual fitness trainer, bike and ski repair shop and enclosed dog wash facility. That and all the Promenade has to offer – what more can you ask. Lots of construction to go, but buildings are being marketed as each one is completed.



Another tenant preparing to open at the Promenade at the top of the hill strip, adjacent to Torrid and Maurice's, is Denver based mattress store, **SLEEP NATION**. The

business was started in 2011 and this will be the third retail store. The others are located across from Park Meadows at the Centennial Promenade and in Cherry Creek at Century 21 Plaza. They carry innerspring, memory foam, latex and organic mattresses, which are all locally made, and they receive reasonably good ratings on Yelp.



Many months after the announcement, ground work for the new Promenade buildings located immediately to the south of the new King Sooper have kicked off with mounds of dirt and the

beginning concrete block wall and foundations started for the new **HOBBY LOBBY** and **ROSS DRESS FOR LESS** stores.

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If they maintain the current level of activity, you should be shopping there by next Easter.



First phase ground work activity for a **4,500 square foot retail/commercial building** is well underway at the southwest corner of Meadows Boulevard and Ambrosia Street in the designated Meadows Town Center parcel. Local developer Malcolm Mulroney – Castle Rock Development Company is the owner. No tenants announced at this time.

The Promenade is about half built out, and its developers are already looking at expanding across I-25 to the East. Alberta Development Partners has approached the Town of Castle Rock



for annexation of 21.7 acres that would adjoin another 34.9 acres already within the Town limits, directly across I-25 from the existing Promenade development to be known as **PROMENADE CENTER EAST**. Though in the early stage of planning, the thoughts are for either apartments, commercial or both, depending upon market conditions and zoning approvals. This amounts to about 475 apartments or, 300,000 square feet of commercial, or a combination thereof. Their biggest problem is how to provide appropriate access to the site which is projected to produce about 4,500 trips per day. If they can solve the various growth problems involved, its eventual construction is anticipated to produce between \$11 million (all multi-family) and \$26 million (all commercial) of assessed value and +\$2 million of sales tax (all commercial). This is one to follow over the next couple of years as Castle Rock continues to expand in all directions – no more small town!

MONUMENT – JACKSON CREEK PARKWAY – The large

JACKSON CREEK SENIOR LIVING development has progressed from several months of grading and underground utilities of the 6.4-acre site, to the formal start of



construction in late June. The 137 unit – 3-story complex will include independent, assisted living and memory care units that include studio, one and two-bedroom units scheduled to open in the fall of next year. The project abounds with amenities that include social engagement activities, residential care, numerous dining options, physical therapy and a physician clinic. WellAge Senior Living will manage JCSL.

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Adjacent to Jackson Creek Senior Living and the Jackson Creek Self Storage is the large **MOUNTAIN VIEW ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION'S UTILITY STATION**. The Town has approved an amended landscap-

ing plan for immediate implementation which will include the sidewalk, decorative wall, plantings and site irrigation along the exterior of the substation. The plan excludes any landscaping on the northern boundary of the site. The key reason for the plan is to address the new well and the need for maneuvering space for their operation.

At Monument Marketplace, plans for the restaurant pad adjacent to



Freddy's that some years ago was going to be a Culver's, are now progressing through the Planning Department for approval of a **KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN**. The application calls for a 3,161 square foot building with a drive-thru on the .90-acre site. Thirty four percent of this currently bare site will be landscaped with the inclusion of trees in the landscape islands and elsewhere on the site that should definitely enhance the site. Ownership is Harman Management Corp of Los Altos, CA.

PERRY PARK - Tony does it again! **M R Hauling** has completed the **Perry Park Spring Slash Pickup** with another record haul thanks to the community's extensive mitigation efforts – kudos to everyone in the effort to reduce fire risk. Another pickup in October! If you want to witness the power of a major fire, attend the annual slash burn at the Perry Park Gravel Pit when the Fire Department directs a controlled burn of the nearly 100 truckloads of slash collected from the previous year's two pickups. It takes place on a day that is snowing and has snow already on the ground, and wind conditions must be satisfactory.



Recognition and recommendation of Susan Rule's **RAMPART LANDSCAPE AND ARBOR SERVICE** which has provided

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years of quality tree and shrub mitigation to Perry Park residents. Their team did a remarkable job of swinging in my trees and removing all the dead branches (way too many) providing a much more attractive treescape as well as a safer one. They also provide snow removal services. A good source for your mitigation needs.



Thanks to **Larkspur Mayor Gerry Bean, Linda Black and Tony Perconti** for judging the Perry Park July 4th parade – great job!

LARKSPUR - A new business in Larkspur, **HAYDEN OUTDOORS REAL ESTATE**, is a member of the LandLeader network that markets Farm, Ranch and Recreational real estate and water rights in the surrounding eight states. LandLeader is the largest network of exclusive real estate

professionals that specialize in the aforementioned categories. They provide both listing and auction services. Their exchange has been in operation since 1976, started in Hays, Kansas, by Leo Hayden and is now headquartered in Windsor, CO. LandLeader has grown to 30 agents with the local Larkspur representative being Joe Stefanec, who after 40 years in personal and corporate life insurance, is now back to his outdoor passion selling real country real estate. Before joining Hayden, Joe operated as Stefanec Properties from his home on Quaking Aspen Lane. Hayden is located in the small white building next to the Larkspur Pizzeria and their business provides a more suited tenant to the area than past efforts in the building.



PALMER LAKE – The **RECOVERY VILLAGE** - center for substance abuse treatment (drugs & alcohol) is completing its 20,000 square foot expansion, adding 52 additional treatment beds bringing the total to 110. Since the conversion a couple of years ago, RV has assisted over 1,000 individuals on the road to recovery. With Colorado ranked third nationally in drug abuse, these services are badly needed. Formerly a small resort hotel, the Recovery Village provides a tranquil setting with a gym, a covered swimming pool, and various sports facilities in the rehab center that all aid the recovery process. RV is located midway between Palmer Lake and Monument at 443 S. Hwy 105.

SEDALIA – The first home has been completed in **THE**
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KEEP, a gated community. With only 355 of the 1,100-acre former Cherokee Ranch site to be developed, the roads and utilities are in place and marketing of the sites ranging from four to ten acres in size, priced from \$700,000 to \$950,000 is underway. Developed by Walter Koelbel, the Keep is accessed off of CO. #105 about 1/2 mile south of its terminus – turn at the little brown church. The first house, The Gray House, is a 6,569 square foot mansion just completed on lot 5 (\$850,000) leaving you 19 other lots of the first phase available for the choosing. There are only 64 lots in the total development. Five preferred builders have been selected for The Keep – Gray Construction, Koelbel, Sienna, Sterling and Thomas Sattler Homes.

PALMER LAKE – The Villa Restaurant building was built in 1900 and became the Sundance Café and Hotel in 1912. It later served as a post office and an ice cream parlor. In 1956, the Roman Villa Restaurant was opened by the Romitti family who operated the Villa for the next 22 years. Linda Van Scoten Snyder has served as the proprietor of the Villa since 1980. Life goes on as this month, the Villa returns to its original nomenclature with the new ownership now operating **The SUNDANCE** where they love to barbeque brisket, beef and pork ribs, pulled pork, chopped beef sandwiches, chicken – and the list goes on. What is a Sweet Heat pickle? Try the Sundance and find out.

COLORADO SPRINGS – Fortunately, the 8,000 square foot **Southern Concept Restaurant** in the Bass Pro “Polaris Pointe” Complex was converted several months ago back to a **Bourbon Brothers** as the Southern Concepts group has ceased to exist. Their dreams of opening 40 restaurants nationwide ended with the closure of their three Denver operations including the one in the Sam’s Complex at Quebec and I-470. Their most recent financials showed a loss of \$2.7 million on revenue of \$5.6 million. Their first Southern Hospitality Restaurant was opened in 2007 in New York with financial backing from actor / musician Justin Timberlake and still remains open under separate ownership. Looks like a little ‘star power’ helps in the very difficult restaurant business.



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**BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU IN THE
LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
Ken Sanders, Past Secretary and Board Member, LFPD...

It is with a sincere sadness that I'm announcing that I will be leaving the LFPD board. I am moving out of the district, so I am not eligible to continue on the board.



I have been privileged to serve the citizens of the Larkspur Fire Protection District, and I've been honored to work with a great board and a crew of professional and volunteer fire fighters and paramedics led by Chief Stuart Mills. I have learned a great deal about how special districts like LFPD operate – both the challenges and the joys.

Dave Vance has graciously agreed to step in to fill my position until elections take place in 2018. Dave has previously served on the board, and his addition to the board will assure a continued high level of professionalism and continuity.

I would encourage all of you who live in the District to consider getting involved with the LFPD... whether as a board member, a volunteer, or becoming a part of the Larkspur volunteer fire auxiliary.

Thank you again for a great experience!!

PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT
YOUR DOLLARS, YOUR VOICE

All board members were in attendance at July 12 board meeting. It was a full agenda; the board reviewed and approved the new format for financials from January through June, had more discussion on engaging a District



Management Company, repairs and safety of Wauconda Park, update on Douglas County road improvements, further discussion on the District waterbody deferred maintenance, and open space management including mowing and spraying for noxious weeds.

BOARD MEMBERS

President Randy Johnson
VP Derek Meredith
Asst VP Stacie Sneider
Treasurer Vanessa Dao
Secretary Valerie Duringer

MINUTES - The minutes for the June District meeting were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Financials - June 30, 2017
Revenue - \$19,759
Disbursements - \$4,760.32
Cash Account - \$518,124.47

The board reviewed the adjusted and new format for the District financials from the newly hired District CPA for January through June, 2017, and motion passed to approve all financial reports from previous months. Updated financials are posted on the PPMD website.

NEXT SCHEDULED PPMD BOD MEETING

The next scheduled BOD meeting is back to a Thursday, August 10, 6 p.m. at the Perry Park Country Club.

OLD BUSINESS

Slash Pick-up

The spring slash pick up is complete with 62 truck loads of slash delivered to the gravel pit for burning this fall or winter. The project cost more money this cycle because some residents make several small piles versus one large pile. Remember, one pile stack high. Please also remember that no dirt, boards with nails, and pine needles will be picked up. The next slash pick-up will start October 1, so keep up the good work mitigating your properties.



Firewise Community Meeting Held on July 20th

Other than maybe a plague of Locusts, nothing was going to stop the Firewise meeting that had to be re-scheduled twice due to spring snowstorms. There were approximately 50 attendees and comments from many residents said it was valuable information and glad they made the meeting. The materials and charts from the meeting are posted on the PPMD website.



PPMD Property Maintenance

Wauconda Park – The park has been cleaned up but several structures are currently shut down due to necessary safety maintenance. An expected re-opening date for the structures is yet to be determined.

PPMD Owned Open Spaces – The Big D was mowed and hay bailed, mowing of additional open spaces and spraying for noxious weeds was discussed, quotes will be collected and reviewed at the next BOD meeting.

Gilloon Pond - The board approved starting cleanup on Gilloon Pond. Solitude Lake Management Company will be working with the PPMD to determine the best methods for cleanup and maintenance.

Gateway Lake – See Saving Our Lake.

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5215 Gould Circle, Castle Rock (Meadows)
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1275 Riva Rose Circle, Castle Rock (Bell Mtn)
Offered at \$839,000



3959 Serenade, Castle Rock (Bell Mtn)
Offered at \$999,900



2436 Leafdale Circle, Castle Rock (Meadows)
Offered at \$499,900



3741 Serenade, Castle Rock (Bell Mtn)
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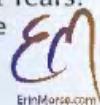
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Photo Taken of Gilloon Pond June 2017

Saving Our Lake

Who doesn't love our lake....well it looks more like a pond these days, but what a wonderful community amenity we have at the entrance to beautiful Perry Park. Unfortunately, what once was almost a 5-acre Gateway Lake supporting a habitat for fish, waterfowl, and an abundance of wildlife is now less than one acre and quickly becoming a limited marsh habitat.

As sediment from upstream continues to fill the lake, the natural lake anatomy has become out of balance. The problem is exponential. As the water gets shallow, the cattails and other aquatic weeds are exploding into a bumper crop creating an abundance of organic matter and more bottom sludge.

The Perry Park Metro District is researching the best way to Save Our Lake and tackle the deferred maintenance on our other waterbody, Gilloon Pond. In 2013, the Metro District Board recognized the problem and explored options to redesign the lake which proved to be a very a complicated permitting process as the lake is part of the Plum Creek watershed and regulated by several different governing agencies. Currently the Perry Park Metro District is investigating a number of different methods to simply restore the depth and surface area of our waterbodies. Methods being considered are mechanically scraping part of the shoreline of the cattails and weeds, using herbicides specifically formulated for aquatic plants, and cutting the cattails while they are dormant. In conjunction with bringing the surface area back, we will be focusing on increasing the water depth, which is the best way to balance the aquatic habitat and armoring the shorelines with a riprap or rock boarder. Each method or combination of methods comes with its pros, cons, hoops, and hurdles, but we are making progress. We are also enacting an annual waterbody maintenance program so we all can trust that the future of Gateway Lake and Gilloon Pond and their habitats are being protected.



Aerial photo of Gateway Lake taken in Sept 2014.

Every year the Lake loses 5 feet of surface area due to cattail growth.

Jump to 2017, an aerial view of the Lake would look much smaller.

Management Company Proposals

PPMD is continuing its search into hiring a management company for the District and met with two potential management companies at the end of July. More discussion will take place at the next scheduled BOD meeting in August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social and Events Committee – Stacie Sneider email: stacie_sneider@perrypark.org

Firewise Committee – Keith Worley email: forestreedev@aol.com

Social Events Committee – 4th of July Recap

Country and community spirit filled the air. By many accounts the 4th of July parade had one of the largest participation and crowds in years, from creative floats like “Crossing the Delaware”, classic cars, Uncle Sam and Mmiss Liberty riding their



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Segways, "Saving the Wild America." It also wouldn't be a Perry Park Ranch parade without a tractor. Thank you to all the participants. Awards were passed out to winners in each category, free ice cream, water, and hot dogs were waiting at the end of the parade. The Denver Concert Band gave another great performance starting at 7 p.m. until the fireworks started. Thank you to all the volunteers that made the celebration another successful and memorable event. If you have ideas for next year's festivities please contact the committee chair Stacie Snieder.

Firewise Committee

Forester Keith Worley is working with the Firewise Committee to start contacting property owners on Upper Cheyenne where the Tussock moth did the most damage. A large percentage of the lots are owned by a Danish bank making contact and communication challenging. The Firewise brochure for new residents outlining the community Firewise program and resources and a Perry Park Evacuation Guide are now both in their draft stages and making progress thanks to Committee members.

Resident Fire Mitigation Grant Program

The next slash pick up is scheduled for October so no better time to do more mitigation than now. Grants are still available for up to \$500 towards your mitigation efforts so don't wait, if you are planning on taking advantage of the resident fire mitigation grant program in 2017, please download the grant form from the PPMD website and email to submit@perryvack.org

We want to keep you informed. Please register your email with the District. Visit the District website and click on the email icon listed in the upper right hand corner: www.perryvack.org



Metro Board meetings are held at the Perry Park Country Club the second Thursday of each month and will commence at 6pm sharp.

COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND \$6.4 MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS ALONG I-25 FRONTAGE ROAD

Consistent with public input during the past 12 months, including recent public hearings, and 2017 Citizen Survey findings, the Board of Douglas County Commissioners has recommended the authorization of \$6.4 million to address safety and traffic operation improvements along the I-25 corridor south of Castle Rock.

A total of \$5 million is recommended for design and right-of-way acquisition for the relocation of the West I-25 Frontage Road between Tomah Road and Plum Creek Parkway. And an additional \$1.4 million is set aside for Tomah Road/West I-25 Frontage Road intersection improvements.

The \$1.4 million Tomah/ West I-25 Frontage Road intersection

project involves constructing improvements within the existing Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) right-of-way and may require improvements within the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railway property. Working in partnership with CDOT and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), the improvements proposed for this existing intersection are focused on enhancing public safety. While many ideas are being considered, the final solution has yet to be determined. Once underway, the project is anticipated to be implemented within 24 months.

The Board's recommendation to authorize the \$5 million for the frontage road relocation is the next major step for community leaders and other project partners to advance the relocation of the existing West I-25 Frontage Road to the west side of the BNSF Railroad tracks. Total costs of the frontage road relocation and timeline have yet to be determined.

The formal appropriation of funds for these two projects will be finalized with the Board's adoption of the supplemental budget, scheduled for the August 8 public hearing.

JULY NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT Jim Matchett...



The July meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was held on the 19th. All directors participated in the meeting. The first order of business was audience participation. A written request had been received with regard to relocating the Master Planned lift station on Balsamroot Road. Next was the approval of the minutes of the June 21st regular meeting and the minutes of the July 10th special meeting, and those approvals were unanimous although it was noted that Director Peterson abstained from voting on the June meeting minutes as he was not in attendance. Disbursements totaling \$102,370.17 were then unanimously approved.

Representatives from Larkspur were in attendance to discuss their progress in evaluating the potential impacts of the proposed Greenland Ranch groundwater extraction. The Town of Larkspur is planning a public meeting on July 25th to provide further information to area citizens and business owners. Next, a resident of the district had experienced an abnormally large water bill due a leak in his sprinkler system. As the board has determined for previous requests on similar incidents, the District Manager was directed to work with the resident to develop a payment schedule wherein over an extended time period full payment would be made.

Revised development of the Remuda Ranch parcel of the Wiens Ranch is underway. The district has received Petitions of Inclusion and Exclusion and will schedule the public hearing required for both at the regular upcoming board meeting in August. Also to be further discussed at the August board meeting

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is the proposed chemical treatment of the Gateway Lake by the Perry Park Metropolitan District (PPMD) to control the cattail growth and return the lake to its previous condition without the necessity of dredging. PPW&SD has alluvial drinking water wells as well as the adjacent Glen Grove Water Treatment Plant which could be adversely impacted by such chemicals. Water quality and safety is of paramount importance to the PPW&SD and before any approval is given by PPW&SD, it must receive 100 percent assurance from its hydrologist and engineer that no issues to both the drinking water or the treatment plant can result.

Next, as the district is making plans for major infrastructure improvements, the board has reviewed several different scenarios for financing at numerous past regular board meetings as well as the recent special board meeting of July 10th. The board voted unanimously to proceed to finance such improvements using 15-Year Certificates of Participation.

The Systems Report for July submitted by Semocor was then reviewed. As could be expected, water sales were up considerably in June. Operations across the District are best described as normal. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the District Manager was then reviewed. Growth continues in the District as 12 permits have now been issued for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.ppwsd.org.

BEAR WISE

Howdy, Folks. Chillin' Beary Bear here. The best way to beat the heat is to do what you can to make the best of a hot day. An interesting bear fact: we don't perspire to stay cool like you do. I guess you could say we don't sweat the small stuff, or any other stuff for that matter. Taking a swim in the family pool or a neighbor's pond is a great respite from the heat especially since we black bears can't simply get bear naked by taking off our full body fur coats when the temp rises. Tip: Although we bear don't ask permission before splashing into private ponds and pools, it



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might be a good idea for you to ask the owners before you dive in unannounced.

Local Bear Sightings

It sure has been a busy season for bear sighting this year. It's weird because we bear are reporting an increase of human sightings as well.

Since this is our active time of year, it's always a good reminder to use extra care when roaming around. Bear wise means being observant when you enter your garage from the house to make sure some flat footed hairy legged brut (not your brother in-law) is not snooping around because you left the garage door open. Make sure that bird feeders are hung 10 feet up and 10 feet out from any climbable object and are brought in at dusk. Remember, we are not hunting you, just any food you may have left around for us to supplement our diets of insects, berries and bushes.

Tou Pee

Be on the lookout for Tou Pee. No, not your uncle's hair piece, but this young, local, multi-colored black bear with a bad tou-pee and a hyper disposition. If you had hair like his, you'd keep moving too. Rumer has it Tou Pee found a tube of blonde



hair dye but discovered too late there was only enough to dye the top of his head. Actually, multi colored black bears are not uncommon. We come in four basic fur colors:

Black, brown, cinnamon and blond. Tou Pee is a combo of all possible colors. Show off!

Another recent sighting was this traditional black bear beauty named Carla who was recently captured on camera casually sitting and enjoying a pine needle salad.



Sad but True

The Colorado Department of Wildlife estimated that they are on pace to destroy around 60 Colorado black bears this year. Most of these cases are a result of bear/human contact because we bear lose our natural fear of people. As more people inhabit rural area of our state, there are

fewer options for bear remote relocations. We need your help to keep you and us safe.

Please don't feed us! Consider purchasing a bear proof garbage container. Keep doors and windows closed, especially during peak bear activity season. Avoid surprises – make yourself known when you are outside: hum, sing, talk. Recite the Constitution. If you do witness aggressive bear behavior or have concerns, call 911 or the Colorado Department of Wildlife for assistance.

We live in the most beautiful place in the world. Let's work together to keep it that way by enjoying nature at its best – wild and free.

Email your pictures, stories, comments and questions to: wisebeary@gmail.com

Also, if you would like me to name a future article bear sighting picture after a family member, please send me their name, age and relationship.

Until next time, don't drool and keep your paws cool.

Your friend in the forest,

Beary Bear



A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

Late Summer Joys of Nature from Crickets to Toads, and, yup, Snakes, again...Those Future-Looking Crows...Short Takes



Summer Reverie

Say what? That snow could return as early as next month? Impossible! as one would say in Spanish.

While you still can, I urge you to open a window at bedtime to quietly take in the sounds of summer nights. Recently I caught the whiff of a skunk, fortunately a bit out of close proximity, hopefully scooting the resident bear off to other digs. And then for the first time in years, the soft coos of an owl floated through the night air. Shortly later, the chirps of the nocturnal crickets began to swell. OK, they aren't chirps, but the ol' wings rubbing together as their mating calls. To each its own.

Once again, the high-soaring night hawks have been elusive. And with the late summer monsoons rolling in afternoon after afternoon, it is doubtful that they will grace the skies here.

The towhees this year have sure made the most of the season. It seems that all three sub-species – the eastern, the western,

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the spotted, and some ones in-between have been prolific in guaranteeing the continuation of their kind. And, man, are they strutting it! They are the first to the bird bath when it is freshly filled, flicking water everywhere as they splash with abandon, making the most of their baths. And then it is off to Hubby Dave's hot chili pepper and marigold garden to eagerly await the sprinklers to be turned on for more play time. Then on to the breakfast table where once again they literally throw seed to the wind with their rambunctious scratching, trying to uncover some savory bugs. After watching them, I feel like taking a nap.

After I submitted July's wildlife article, much of it on bull snakes, Karen Dale, the *Sentinel* editor, told me that she "needed to cut out the deadwood (voles) in my junipers—came whipping up the walk, clippers in hand, only to face a LARGE bull snake stretched out on the walk. Back to the garage, back to the house...those junipers don't need clipping this year. And maybe he'll get a vole or two."

And a couple of days later, we found a four-foot long snake skin outside the front door. One scaly dude was obviously preparing for expansion after consuming a few fat voles. And voila! There was one running across the front garage apron daring the bull snake to take it. Our Ollie pooch added to his kill score, catching a fat pocket gopher in the field.

Last week I caught a glimpse of a highway caution sign on a local news program. This sign said to watch for boreal toads. Say what? With all my years in Colorado, I have never seen or heard of such a critter. So back to my Funk and Wagnall's (Google these days.)

Boreal toads are about palm-sized and can be found from 7000



feet altitude to 12000 feet. Their diminishing populations have placed them on the endangered species list here in Colorado and also in New Mexico due to an aggressive fungus and lack of habitat. They occasionally can be seen in

the Henderson Mine area. Efforts at translocation (implanting tadpoles at various locations) have had mixed results. The site at Cameron Pass appears to be successful. If you encounter one, please leave it be. Take a photograph and contact the Colorado Parks and Wildlife to report your finding. Although they do not have a current study going on, they do partner with other organizations including an effort at Colorado State University to research aquatic life in Colorado. Yeah, I know, toads are only aquatic when it is breeding time. And the Department also has a facility called the Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Native Aquatic Species Restoration Facility (NASRF) that hosts over 700 adult boreal toads for translocation, research, and maintain-

ing a gene pool bank. And if you are having difficulty sleeping one night reach for the Boreal Toad Husbandry Manual.

Crows – those Futuristic Planners

Corvids, or members of the crow family like ravens, and, well, yes, crows, along with rooks, jays, magpies, and nutcrackers in these parts can and do plan for a rainy day. These birds are carnivorous, preferring carrion, which is high in their dietary requirements like protein and stinky breath. But they do us a favor in cleaning up road kill. However, Tasmanians (Australia) post highway signs warning motorists to watch for slow-flying crows, its most prevalent road kill. So Tasmanian devils and kangaroos out-perform crows on the road. Hmmm...

Anyway, carrion is not always available and does not last long, so to survive crows must plan for the lean times. So, they rely on hoarding. They must plan what to store, where to store it, and when to store it. It's almost like our financial planning.

Crows have long been known for their ability to acquire, make, and use tools to dig food out of cavities or obscure places. Researchers have found that crows can retrieve the right tool from its cache of tools in order to perform the necessary job. Now, we are not talking Ryobi or Craftsman, but simple pliable twigs to pieces of wire that they bend to make a hook. The hook is then used to dig juicy grubs out of old logs, for example. They will maneuver the hook or tool to more easily retrieve their prize. Check out this fascinating video on youtube.com: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtmLVP0HyDg>

And amazingly, they can remember where their caches are at, using landmarks. Their caches also contain shiny objects to which they are attracted like your car keys or my missing tennis bracelet. And they are clever enough to use your car key to turn on the ignition to the car. Fortunately, their legs are too short to reach the pedals.

Short Takes...

Have you noticed the wide variety of colors of our resident lady bugs? Brilliant red, red-orange, yellow, tan, and shades in that spectra.

Now that the brown-headed cowbirds have populated the nests of unsuspecting other bird species, it is time for them to pick up and leave Dodge. Whew. Now there will be less crowding at the seed feeders.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – time to put out the fifth hummingbird feeder at our house. The rufous population has arrived at the Peters' oasis to pig-out during their migration to their winter digs. And the young-uns of the broadtails and the black-throated hummers are getting into the feeding frenzy while the grownups scrap over who owns which feeder.

HowtoContactMe: Email is best at susan@larskpurconsulting.com. Alternatively, call my cell phone at 303-725-6868 or send a short write-up to 2255 Quartz Mountain Drive.

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 Sage Port, Larkspur
 \$550,000



Just Sold!
 783 Cumberland Road
 Hidden Forest, Larkspur
 \$730,000



Just Sold!
 15293 Shadow Mountain Ranch Road
 Shadow Mountain Ranch, Larkspur
 \$1,200,000



Under Contract!
 1449 Gore Drive
 Sage Port, Larkspur
 \$725,000



Under Contract!
 2665 Marlin Way
 Keene Ranch, Castle Rock
 \$1,240,000



Under Contract!
 1867 Senecio Drive
 Sterling Pointe, Larkspur
 \$824,900



Under Contract!
 1485 Gore Circle
 Sage Port, Larkspur
 \$825,000



Under Contract!
 7280 Marshall Road
 Sage Port, Larkspur
 \$462,000

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



"Donna and I recommend the Wolfe Realty Group unconditionally. Ben is without question the best broker we've ever dealt with, in addition to being a fine human being. If I had to describe him in just a few words, those words would be honest, personable, smart, diligent and experienced. He really knows the market and always was impeccably prepared. Had we remained in Colorado, it is inconceivable that we would ever use anyone other than Ben for real estate transactions."

Greg Cannon & Donna Harris
 Regarding the sale of 1275 Fremont Drive,
 Sage Port, Larkspur, CO

★★★★★ **5280**

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CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSE CLEANING

Sparkle Y Cleaning - Flora Arrazola Insured 15 Years of Experience Free Estimates References Available 303-968.4907 or arrazolacleaning@gmail.com

SERVICES

Ryann Bierbaum - I sell Avon beauty products. To browse or order products, just go to my website and create a login: rbierbaum.avon-representative.com. Contact me by my cell phone or email if you have any questions: 303-945-5348 or rbierbaum@comcast.net.

RAMPART LANDSCAPE & ARBOR SVC - Fire Mitigation, tree pruning/removals, mistletoe management, Susan Rule 303-681-2085.

TUTORING AND LESSONS

TUTORING High school and college composition and literature. Retired college professor can probably teach you all you need to know in three or four sessions. Post-session feedback, editing by email included in fee. \$25 hour. Karen Dale, 303-681-2504.

CLASSIFIED AD SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Email ads to ppsentinel@comcast.net (you will receive an acceptance receipt.) Charges and submission instructions will be advised via e mail after typesetting.

OR

Mail to 10230 Prairie Meadow Circle #101, Parker, CO 80134. Charges and submission instruction will be advised via telephone after typesetting.

Please include physical billing address. We reserve the right to edit or refuse any submitted advertising.

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE IS THE 20TH OF THE MONTH

ADVERTISING RATES effective May 2016

PRICING IS FOR "CAMERA READY" ART

Classified *	\$ 5 / line (min \$10)
Business Card (scan only)	\$40.00
Quarter Page (3 1/2"x 5")	\$50.00
Half Page (7 1/2"x 5")	\$62.50
Full Page (7 1/2"x 10")	\$87.50

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PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF RESERVATION

Ad requests after the 20th are subject to a 10% charge

TEEN FOR HIRE

Hi! I'm Dawson Dwernychuk, I am 17 years old looking to do any job you need. I can provide yard work, watch/feed your animals or plants, shovel snow, or anything you need. Contact me at (303)860-5231.

Experienced and responsible 17 year old available to pet sit and babysit. To reach Mallory Meeks, please text or call (832)363-7933 with any questions.

Dependable and trustworthy 14 year old looking to pet sit and babysit. CPR and first aid training completed. Please call or text Jacqueline Meeks at (832)600-8014.

Hey! I'm Chance Cotham, I'm 15 years old and a sophomore at castle view high school. I can take care of plants, dogs, yard work, and any other thing you'd need! Please contact me @ 720-775-8345 or chancecotham17@gmail.com

A trust worthy sixth grader looking for hire for pet sitting. Anywhere In the Larkspur/ Perry park area. To contact Kyle email kateandkylie910@gmail.com or call 720- 877-1996.

My name is Traca. I am 16, PP Res, and am homeschooled so available frequently. I cut grass, clean gutters, house sit for plants and pets, help with fire mitigation, etc. For local ref contact Sandy Divan at 303-681-0132. Please call me at 720-420-8767. He has a brother to help with the bigger jobs and is available during the day.

An experienced and trustworthy 12 year old looking for hire to pet sit in the Perry Park area. I am qualified for all your pet sitting needs. To contact Kyle email kateandkylie910@gmail.com or call 720-412-1567.

I am available for babysitting! I am twelve years old (almost 13), CPR/AED First Aid certified I enjoy spending time with little kids. Please contact me Carlisa O'Donnell 303-578-2323 or obevy@aol.com.

My name is Clayton Saunders I am a hard worker, boy scout, and high school athlete. I will work for all jobs and services you would need. Contact me at (720)-369-6941 or clayton.saunders19@gmail.com

My name is Delaney Liebke, and I am 17 years old and am available for babysitting or pet sitting throughout the Larkspur area. I have had my licence for over a year now, so I can drive any place necessary. Please contact me at dglebba@gmail.com or 303-681-9091.

New! Super Summer Nanny/Sitter Available For Hire: Need a fun, dependable, affordable nanny to provide care for your kiddo(s) this summer? My name is Teaghan Todd; I am a freshman in highschool and I absolutely love kids. I am responsible, CPR/AED certified, and have my babysitting certification. I would love to help give your kids a summer they can remember. Call or text me at (303) 726 7534 or email me at teartodd@gmail.com

My name is Kylie Cronin and I am 14 years old. I am great with children and animals and will always give them 100% of my attention. If you are looking for an experienced and dependable baby sitter, pet sitter, or someone to do household chores please contact me at kylle.queen21@gmail.com. I am looking for work in the Perry Park and Larkspur area.

THE PERRY PARK SENTINEL

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